

A Survey of Church History The Rise of the Papacy and the Fall of the Empire

I. An Introduction to the Medieval Church

- A. Terms commonly used
 1. “medieval”
 2. the dark ages
- B. Basic Division of the Medieval Period
 1. the dark middle ages (450-1000)
 2. the high middles ages (1000-1300)
 3. the waning middle ages (1300-1500)
- C. The characteristics of the Medieval Period

II. The Origin and Rise of the Papacy

- A. What do we mean “the papacy”?
- B. Early developments laying the groundwork for the papacy
- C. The struggle between the east and the west
- D. The Roman Bishops and the “first” Pope
 1. the term “Pope” papa
 2. *Bishop Innocent I* (401-417).
 3. *Bishop Leo I* (440-461)
 4. *Gelasius* (492-496)
 5. *Gregory I* (540-604) the father of the Medieval Church

III. The Fall of the Roman Empire

- A. Visigoths and Huns
- B. “The City which has conquered the whole world is itself conquered.”
- C. Elements of a collapsing empire